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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Signature

Applicant : Lutz Biedermann, et al. Confirmation No. 7913
Application No. : 10/799,143
Filed : March 11, 2004
Title : ANCHORING ELEMENT FOR USE IN SPINE OR BONE SURGERY,
METHODS FOR USE AND PRODUCTION THEREOF

Grp./Div. : 3733
Examiner : John Kim

Docket No. : 56717/B884

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	23	*21		x \$25.00	2 x \$50.00	\$100.00
Independent Claims	3	**6		x \$100.00	x \$200.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$180.00	\$360.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$100.00
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 10 and 21						
* IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3 ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3 *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME						

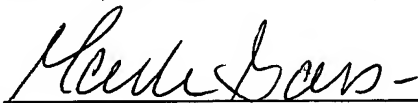
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<u> X </u>	Attached is our check for \$100.00 to pay the fees calculated above.
<u> X </u>	A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
<u> X </u>	Other enclosures: Substitute Specification, Compare Copy, Replacement Abstract

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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